

# MEG analysis of ~~photonuclear events and~~ pileup handling

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# MEG (II) LXe detector: reconstruction

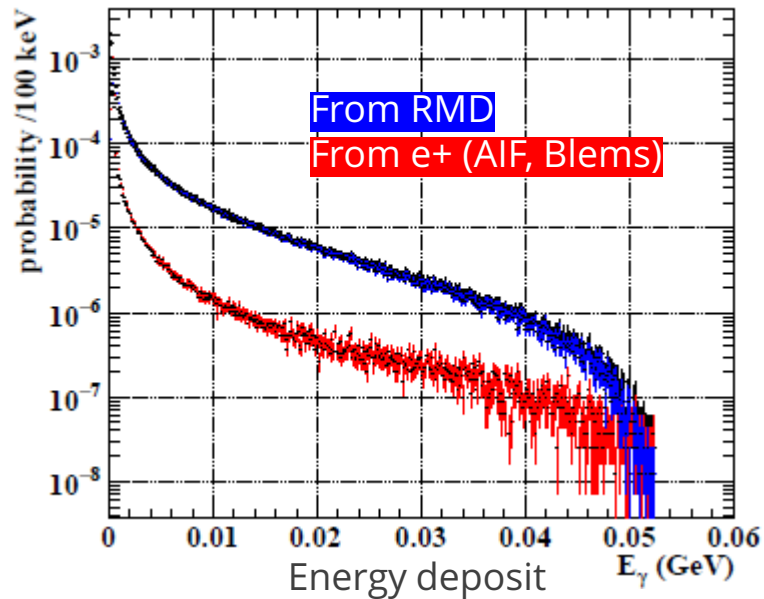


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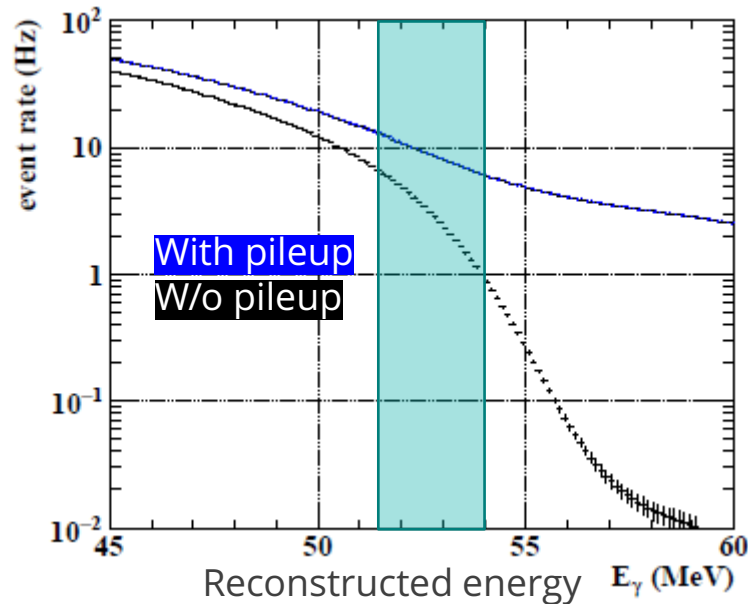
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## Photon hit rate: 0.5 MHz

- $E_{\text{dep}} > 0.2 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $R_{\mu} = 5 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- in the active LXe (no segmentation)
- Rate increases with smaller  $E_{\gamma}$  (infrared divergent)



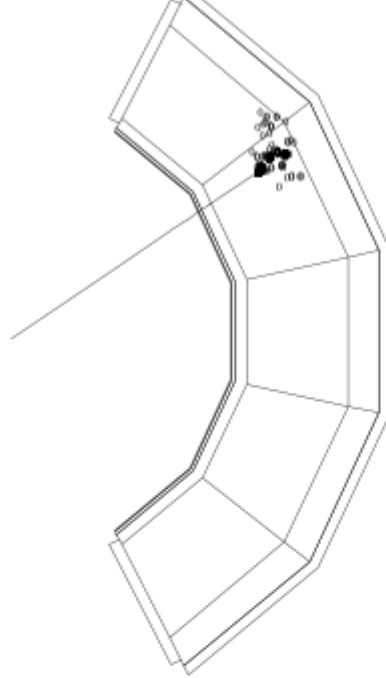
## BG in signal region increases by $\times 2.8$

- [51.5, 54] MeV
- 64% of triggered events contain pileup
- Hence, we don't want to simply throw away pileup events.

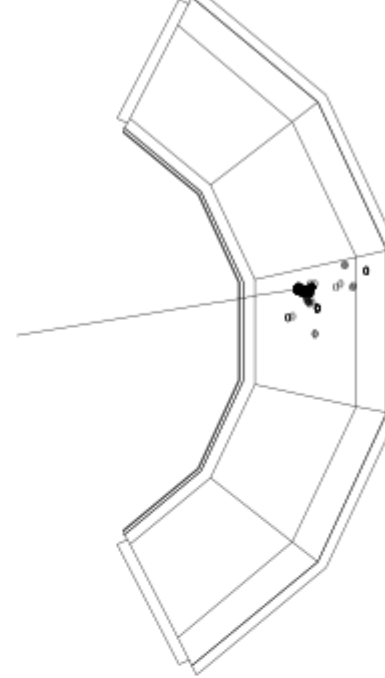
# Challenges and issues

- 1 Sensor and light-yield stability  
*calibrate, calibrate, and calibrate*
- 2 Shower fluctuation  
*Largest source of limitation in reconstruction*
- 3 Lack of MC reproducibility  
*Expected energy resolution turned out to be not achieved*
- 4 Interaction before active volume  
Leakage of shower and light from inner face  
*Limit the detection efficiency and causes lower-energy tail*

All these affects pileup analysis

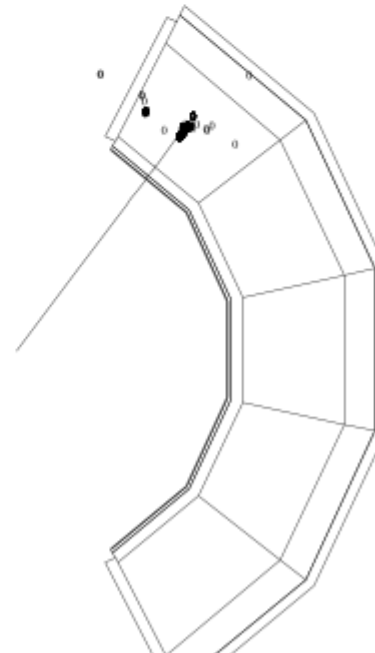
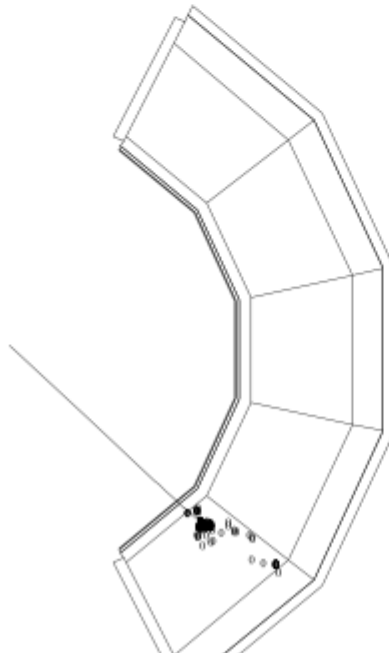


EVENT 3



EVENT 4

Large event-by-event fluctuation



# ■ Today's topics

Minimal review of algorithms in MEG/MEG II

Limiting factors

Suggestion for possible way to improve

Advice to be and not to be attempted

To stimulate further discussion and studies.

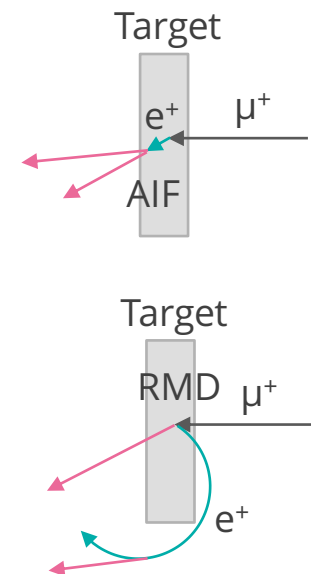
# What are “pileup” in MEG?

## 1. Accidental superposition of multiple photons (off-timing pileup)

- ❑ No correlation in time, position, or energy
- ❑ Usually, separated in time → can be identified by time distribution or waveform  
can be unfolded in waveform
- ❑ but can be “on-time” at some probability.
- ❑ Fraction  $\propto$  beam rate

## 2. Correlated multiple photon events (on-timing pileup)

- ❑ Due to physical processes, such as AIF  $2\gamma$ , RMD + Brems
- ❑ Time coincident, some position and/or energy correlations
- ❑ Cannot be identified by time or waveform  
Can be identified with light distribution. Difficult to unfold.
- ❑ Fraction = const.
- ❑ These are BG, so don't have to recover them.



# What are NOT pileup?

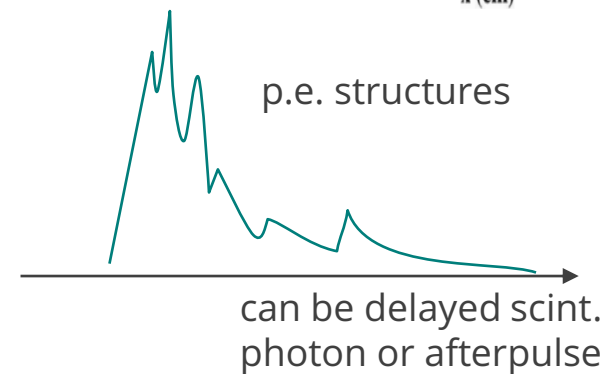
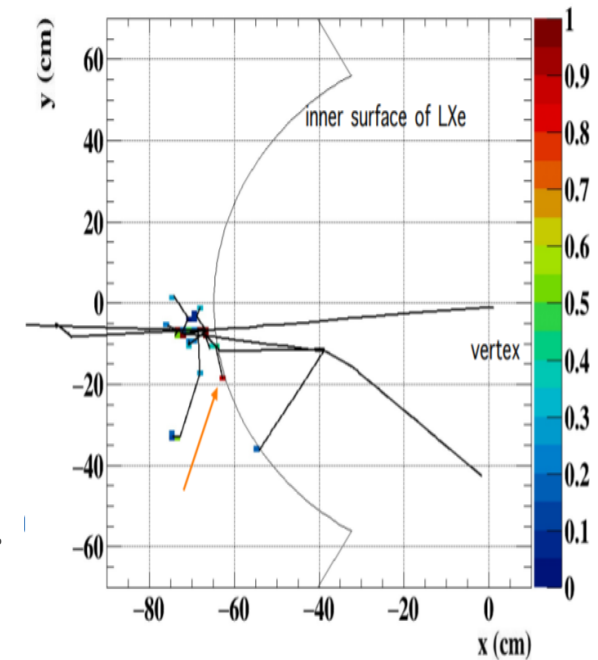
1. Conversion before LXe
2. Isolated shower components
3. Scint. photon statistical fluctuation

We **should sum up** these components to reconstruct energy.  
Eliminating them results in **low-energy tail**.

PIONEER case: Brems. from positron?

## 4. Too small photon ( $\ll$ energy reso.)

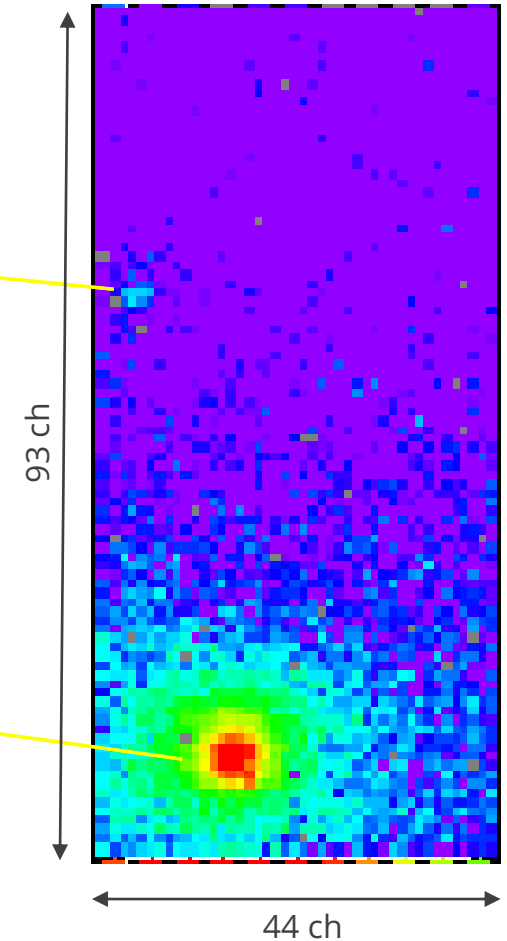
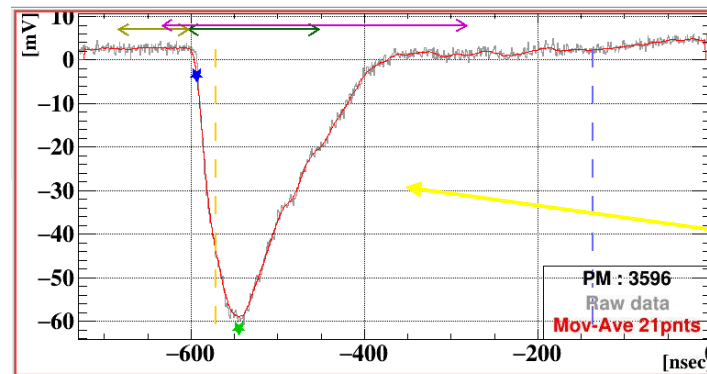
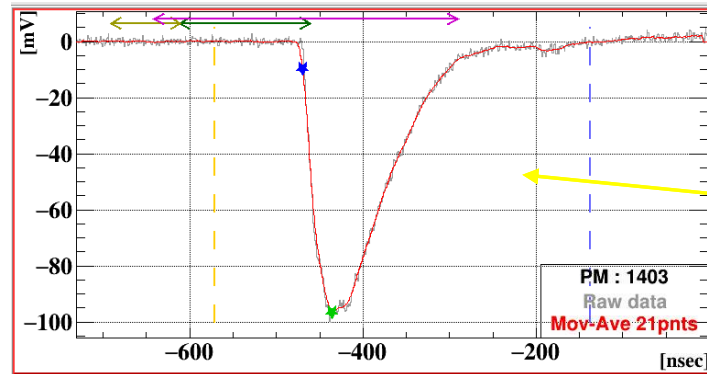
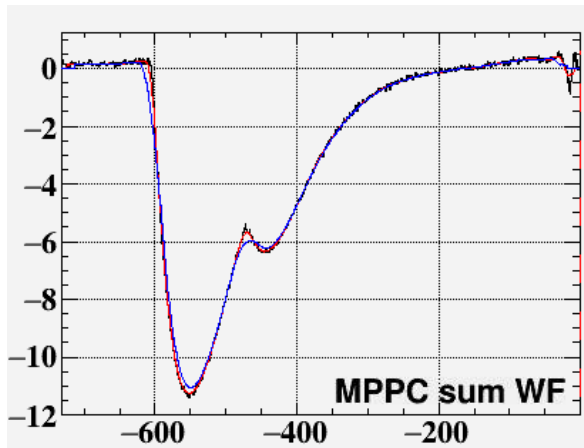
- Photon generation is infrared divergent





# Threefold pileup identification

1. Light distribution
2. Time distribution
3. Sum waveform

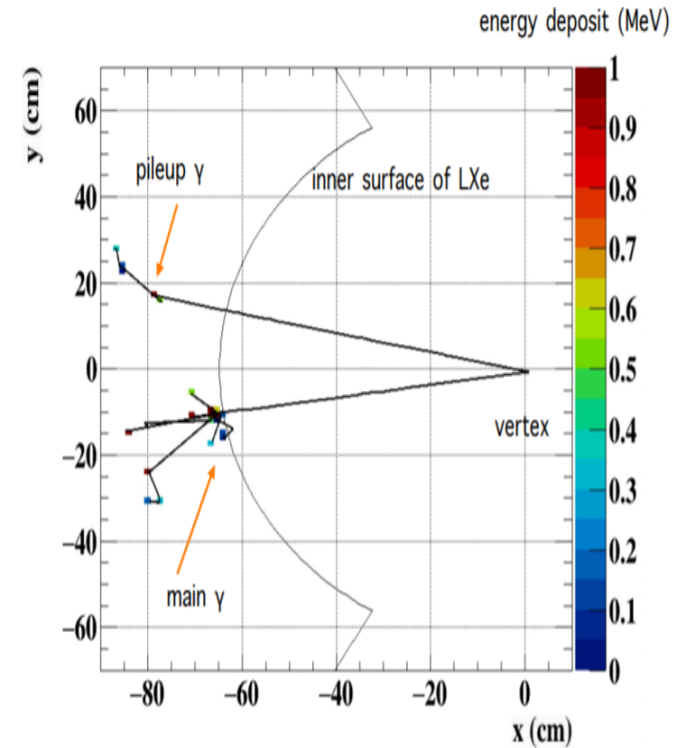
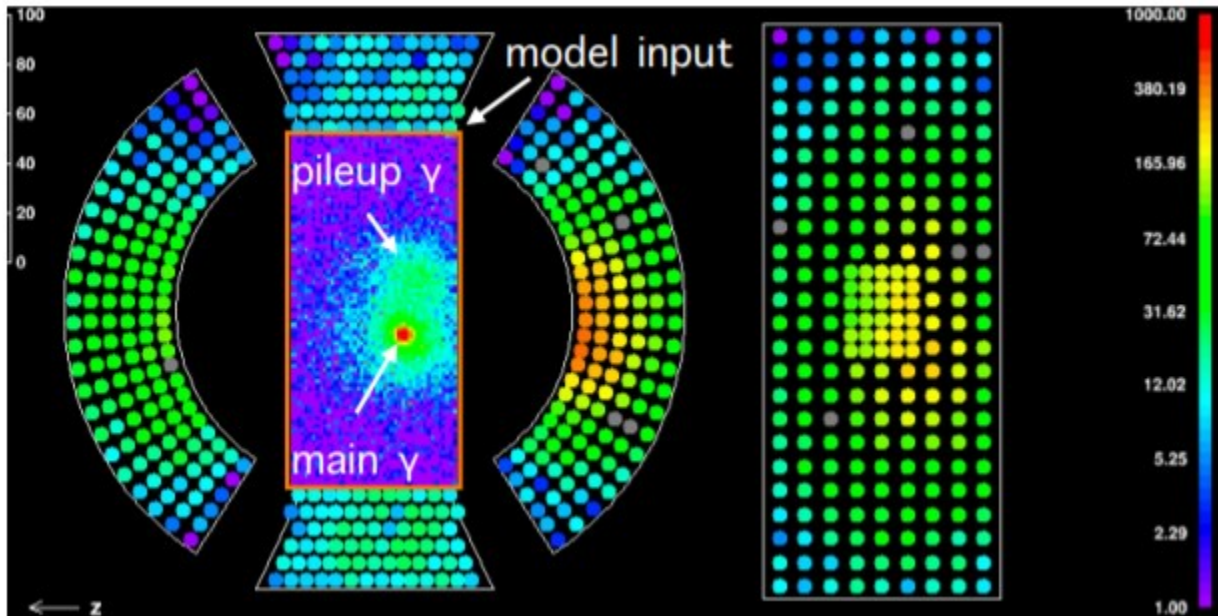


1024 points @ 1.4 GSPS

# Limiting factors

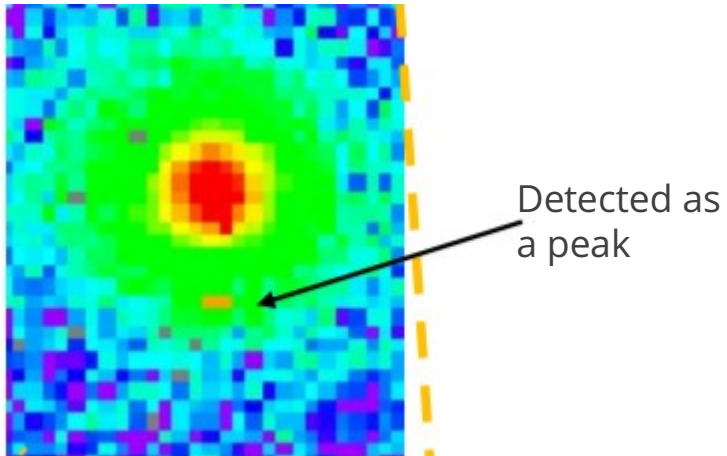
1. Readout granularity (greatly improved in MEG II)
2. Dead channels
3. Electrical noise
4. Not only S/N but also absolute photon statistics
5. Waveform variation especially MPPC due to different afterpulse probability
6. Sensor time response (risetime and width of signal). MPPC has slower response than PMT.
7. Light propagation correction for timing
8. Non-uniformity, depth dependence
9. Isolated shower components

# e.g. 1: deep pileup



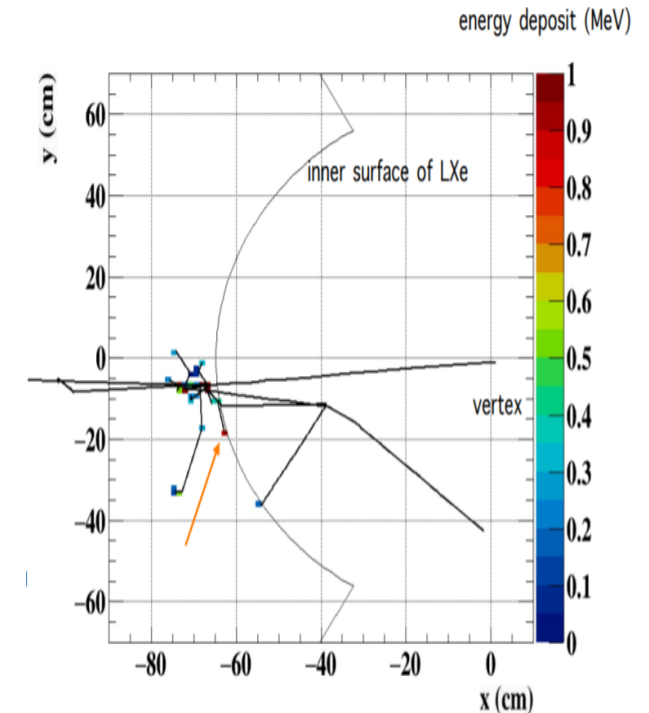
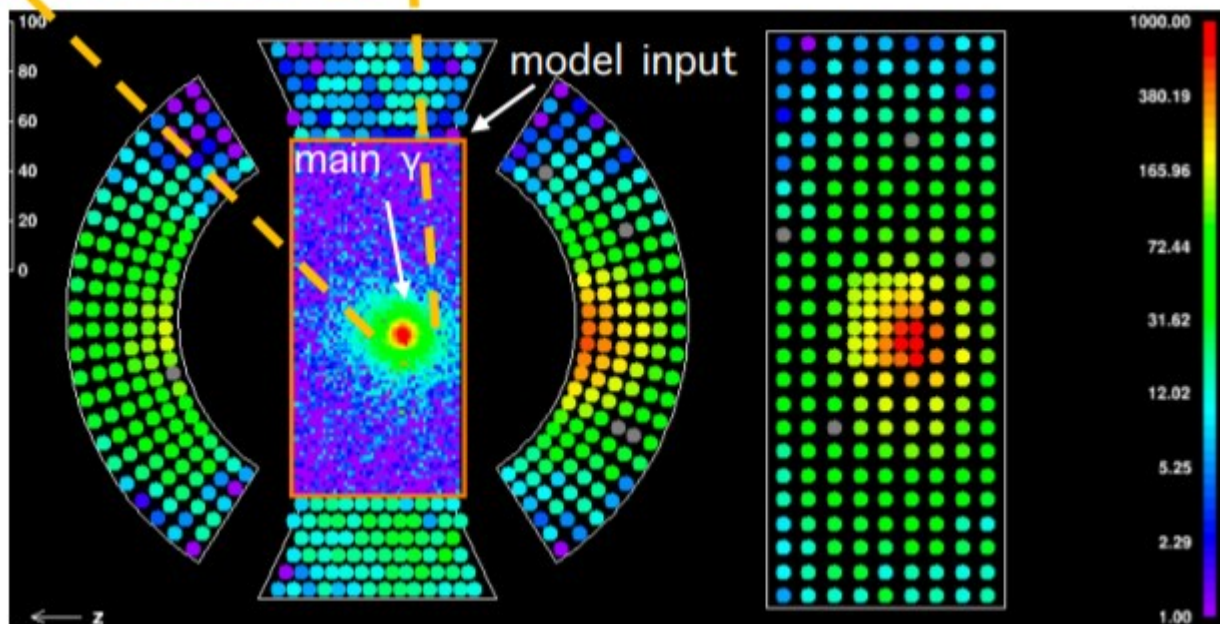
Peak search failed in detecting the pileup photon

# e.g. 2: fake peak

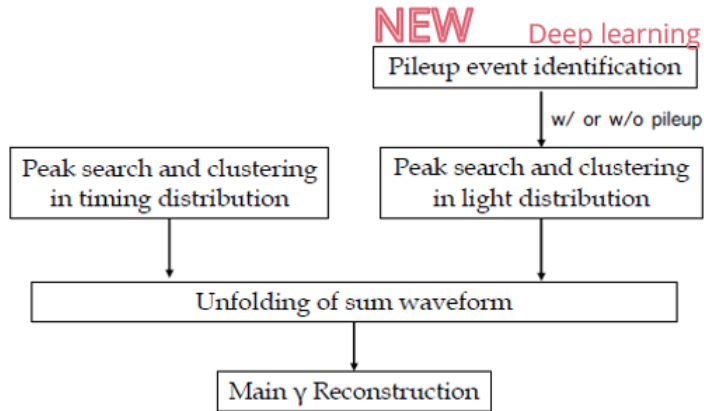


## Peak search detects a fake photon

- Due to a peak from shower fluctuation



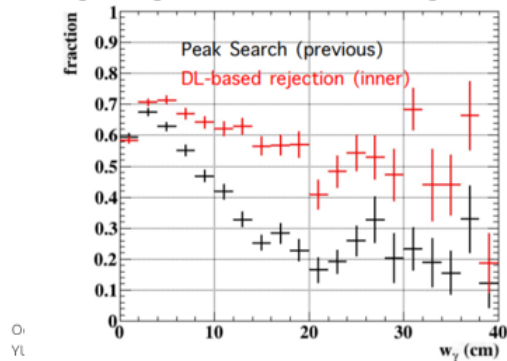
# DL-based pileup ID on light distr.



## Weak points of conventional peak search

1. **Deep** events that don't show a clear peak
2. Make a **fake** pileup from isolated energy deposit by shower fluctuation

Depth Dependence of Found Pileup Fraction



## DL model judges prob. of pileup event

- Based on 'EfficientNet'
- Implemented with Pytorch converted to ONNX
- Trained on Google Colab
- Input:  $93 \times 44$   $N_{\text{pho}}$  image
- Output: prob. to include pileup photons

So far, we haven't been able to use it (or any other DL models) for real data.

# MC reproducibility

We lack a good reproducibility of LXe properties in our MC

Two major consequences

1. Doesn't reproduce **response uniformity**
2. Doesn't reproduce **energy resolution**

Point 1. comes from imperfect optical properties

- ❑ Such as **reflectance** on various materials, leading to errors in sensor calibration
- ❑ Even without perfect simulation, we can calibrate with data.
- ❑ So, we think this doesn't affect the performance, though better reproducibility make the life easier.

Point 2. we don't understand yet.

- ❑ Still remains in MEG II LXe detector
- ❑ We thought it may come from sensor instability, but it is now rejected
- ❑ Probably, comes from some LXe intrinsic properties, such as emission of infrared.
- ❑ **Energy resolution is predominantly limited by this unknown factor**

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Don't rely on MC. Models trained and validated with MC don't work in reality.

Instead, take data (with prototype) and use them for training and validation.

# Charges in time slices

Peak search in light distribution is weak in detecting off-timing pileups

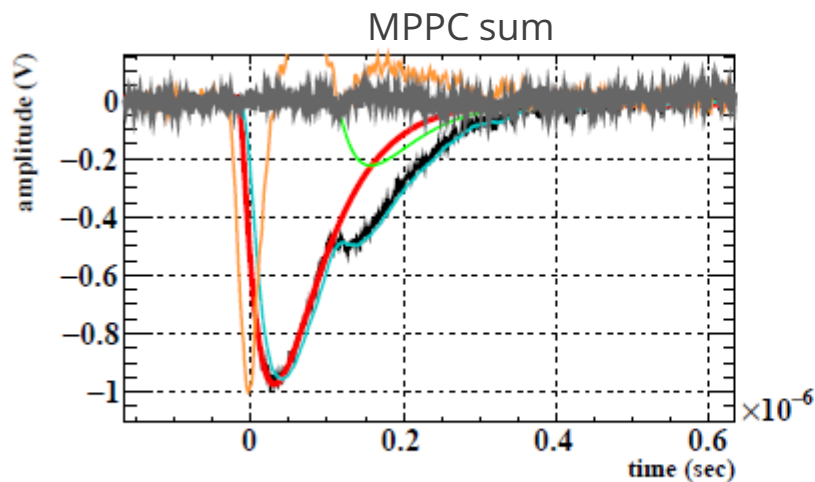
- ❑ Charge integration is done in on-timing window.
- ❑ Preceding pileup causes “negative” charges.

Possible improvement:

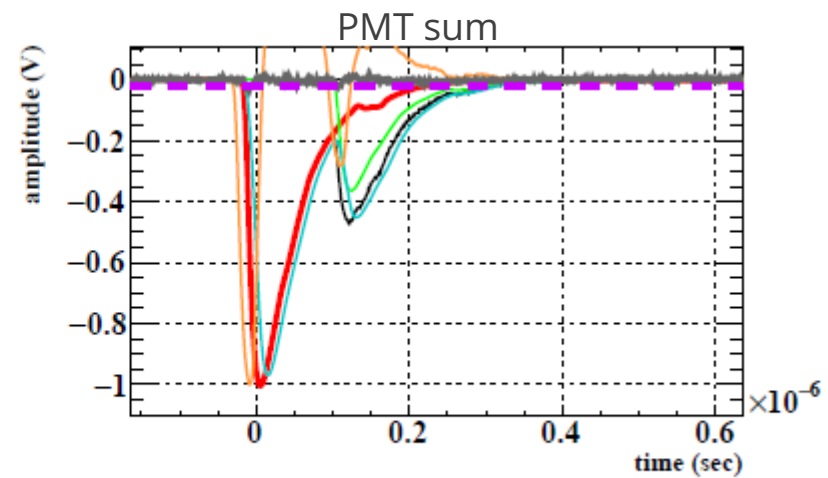
Making light distribution in different time slices.

# Unfolding in sum waveform

If the pileup photon is temporally away (at least 5 ns in MEG, 30 ns in MEG II) from the main, we can **unfold** them and measure the **energy of the main**.



(a)



(b)

- Sum waveforms are formed with all the calibrations taken into account  
→ The integral directly gives the energy
- We don't discard such events

If close in time or coincident (such as AIF 2 $\gamma$ ), discard.



# Individual waveform?

Pileup identification/unfolding in each channel waveform is **not** effective due to p.e. statistics

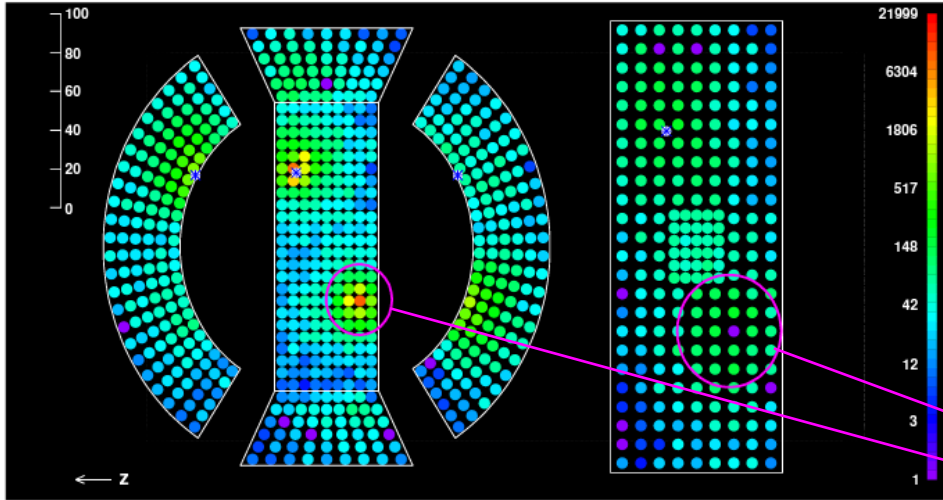
- ❑ Any attempts so far never succeeded. I don't recommend for you to attempt it again.

Using total sum waveform is also not so much effective

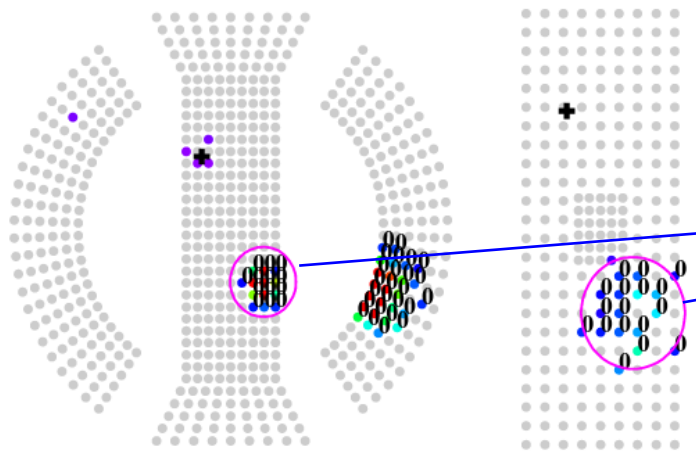
- ❑ Difficult to identify small pulses

Use sum waveforms in clusters or patch scan.

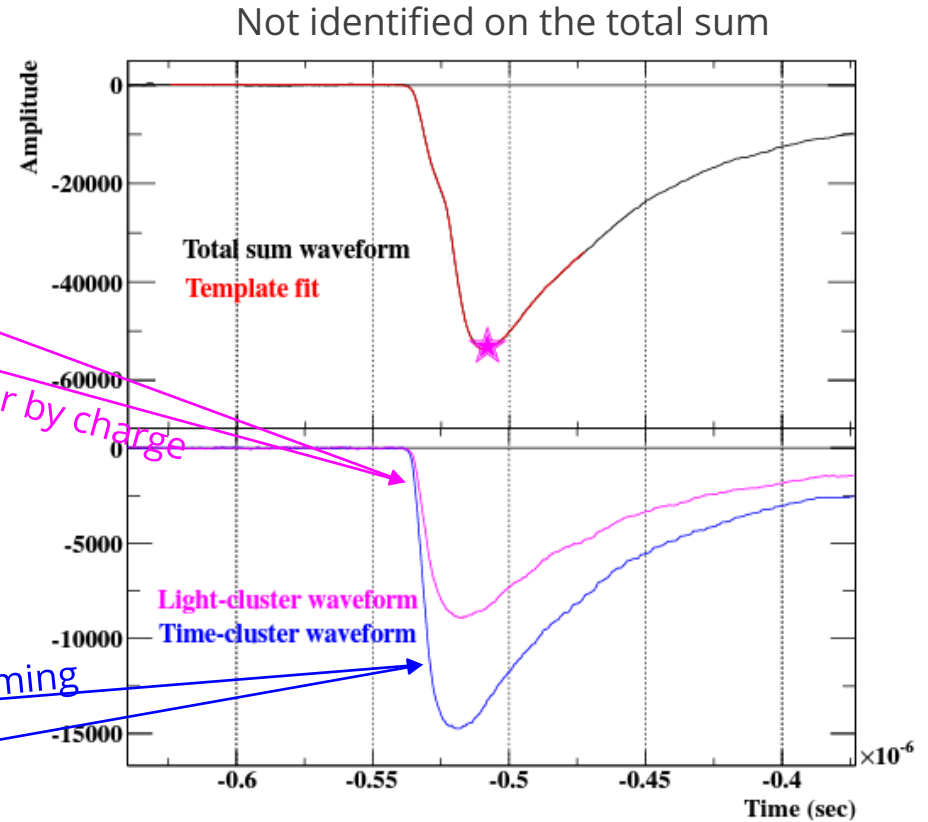
# Unified approach



(a) Light distribution



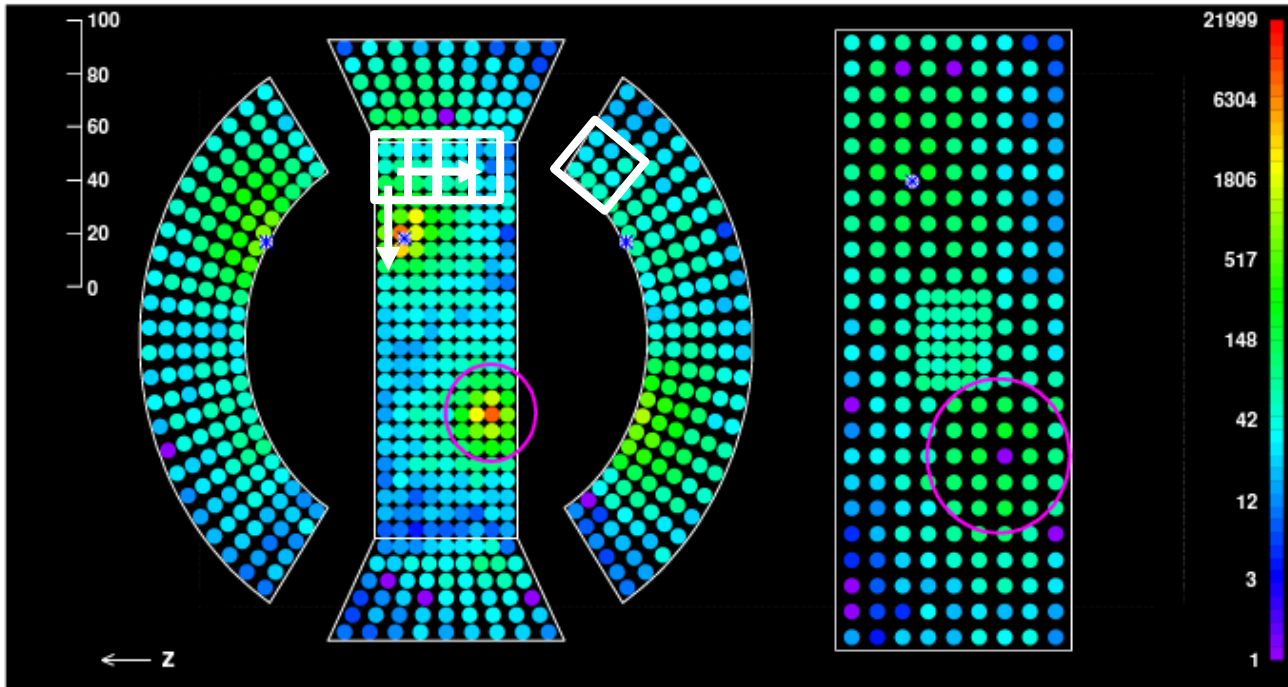
(b) Distribution of large chi-square PMTs



(c) Sum waveforms

These 2 clusters are recognized as the same, but different from the main  
 → additional seed for the template fit.

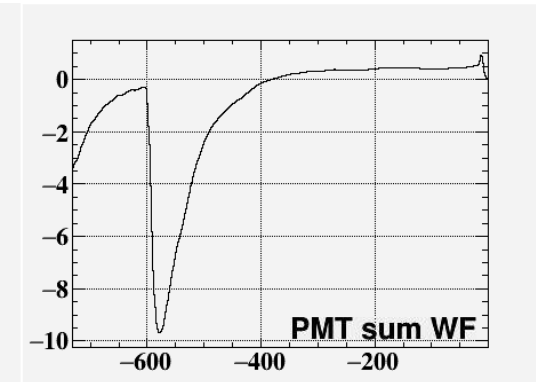
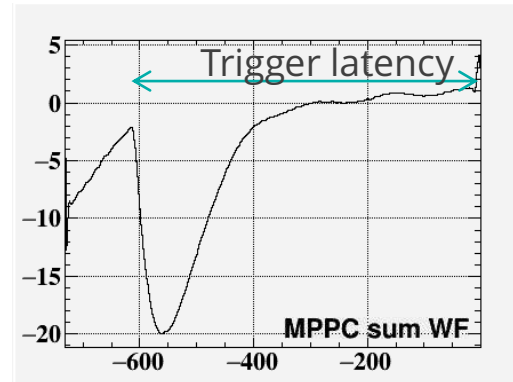
# Patch scan?



# Use of trigger FADC info

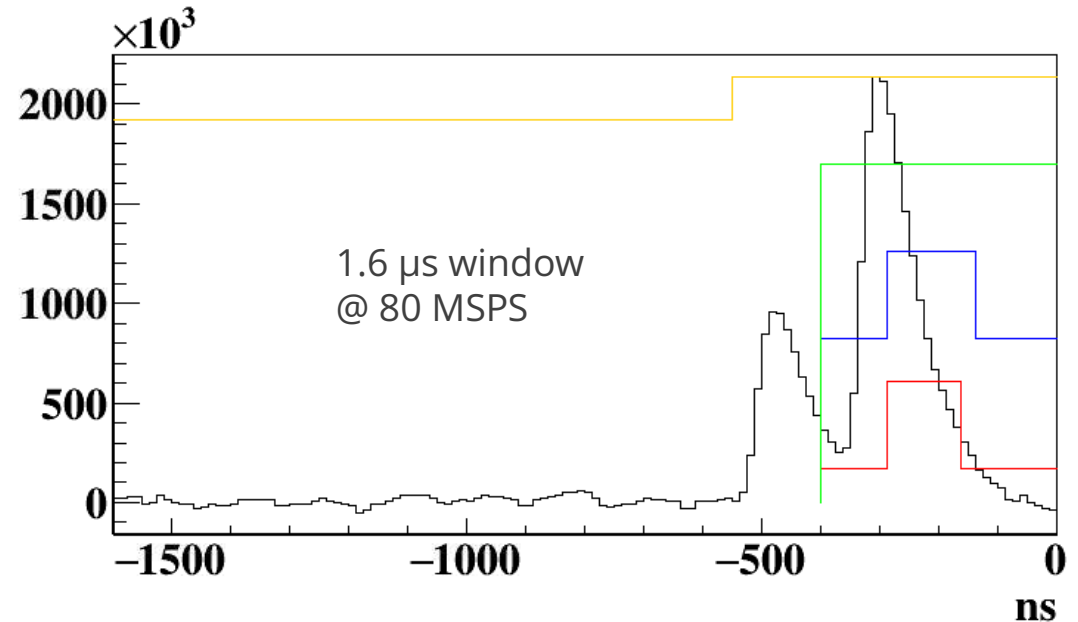
DRS time window is not wide enough to correctly unfold preceding pileup

- ▣ 730 ns window @ 1.4 GSPS,
- ▣ ~600 ns trigger latency



Trigger FADC has much wider window

- ▣ Can be used



# How to evaluate inefficiency?

Difficult to evaluate the signal inefficiency due to the pileup analysis

1. Probability of having pileup in signal events and BG events are different due to **triggering bias**.
2. Difficult to completely simulate low-energy photon yield in MC
3. Fake probability is sensitive to threshold

In MEG II, we utilize the RDC detector

- ▣ RDC can identify RMD events, which is a single-photon process
- ▣ Check the fraction of discarded events in the RMD-identified sample → inclusive inefficiency

# Conclusions

Pileup analysis is important in  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  search

Pileup is a source of **high-energy BG**,

Pileup analysis can cause **inefficiency** and **low-energy tail**.

We are still in developing stage for MEG II with real data.

Use and combine information as much as possible.

A few possible ways for improvement are discussed.

MC based ML study makes little sense.

Take data and use them.

There are many trade-off factors;  
how to optimize parameters is also non-trivial task.